

Useful phone numbers and Web sites

ConnPACE
1-800-423-5026
www.connpace.com

Medicare
1-800-Medicare (633-4227)
www.medicare.gov

2-1-1 Infoline
Dial 2-1-1
24-hour/7-day information and referral services

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-800-477-2669)

www.pparx.org

Please call the above number to see if you qualify for free or reduced price prescription drug assistance. I will be providing you with more information on this program soon.

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CAPITOL PHONE: 1-800-842-1420

E-MAIL: Gomes@senatedems.ct.gov

WEB: www.senatedems.ct.gov/Gomes.html

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE

Medicare Part D

Answers to your questions

Who is eligible?

People who have Medicare Part A or B will be eligible for Medicare drug coverage. They can enroll in any of the Part D plans that serve the area in which they live.

When do you enroll?

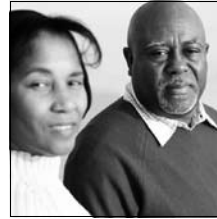
In the first year of the program, the enrollment period is November 15, 2005–May 15, 2006. In future years, open enrollment is November 15th to December 31st annually. In 2006 only, you can change drug plans until May 15th. After that, you must keep your plan until the next open enrollment period begins.

Will Part D drug plans differ?

Yes. Each drug plan can set and change its own formulary as long as its coverage is considered at least equivalent to the standard benefit.

Can I keep ConnPACE coverage?

ConnPACE participants must enroll in a Part D plan of their choice or ConnPACE will enroll you in a plan. ConnPACE participants will pay the annual ConnPACE \$30 registration fee and will pay no more than the \$16.25 ConnPACE prescription co-payment. ConnPACE will cover the Part D monthly premiums and will cover the annual Medicare Part D deductible of \$250. ConnPACE will also cover drugs in the “donut hole.”



Is there help for people with low income?

A subsidy is available for people with an income up to 135% of the Federal Poverty Level (approximately \$12,900 for an individual and \$17,320 for a couple) and assets of not more than \$7,500 per individual or \$12,000 per couple.

A partial subsidy is also available for people with incomes up to 150% (approximately \$14,350 per individual and \$19,245 for a couple) of the FPL and assets of not more than \$11,500 per individual or \$23,000 per couple.

Where can I get help understanding and enrolling in Part D?

Contact the CHOICES program at the Elderly Services Division of the Department of Social Services: 1-800-994-9422 or on the web at www.ctelderlyservices.state.ct.us/PubsFrm.htm. Additional information is available from Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The General Assembly recently expanded the state's energy assistance program to include more residents. The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) will provide assistance to low- and moderate-income households to help with heating costs. For more information contact the Department of Social Services at **1-800-842-1132** or **211**, Infoline.